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Hotel Pasaje

Havana - Cuba -

To the

Rt. Rev. W. K. Whittingham, D.D. -

Baltimore, Maryland -

Rt. Rev & Dear Father in -

I have always written to you until now because all my spare time - and I have but little - has been taken up in giving information to the Guilds. - Have been doing everything in my power to keep alive the enthusiasm so singularly manifested for the Guilds seems to have taken root everywhere - judging from the letters which I have received - but I am endeavoring not to be over sanguine. -

When I reached here on the 24th of December. I found that the hall which we had used for two years for Chapel purposes had been cut up into rooms - but as it is very difficult to secure a place for such a purpose

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from the Spaniards in Charge - Each one Embracing me according to Spanish Custom - Shortly after I reached here - a sad case was brought to my notice - of a Young English Girl only 17 years old - who had been abandoned in the streets of Havana three weeks before - I found her in the hospital half Crazy - It is a very sad case - and I am now endeavoring to find out her relatives - in order that she may be sent to England - I have three Americans sick at present - all the result of bad habits here - and are very sick Indeed - Last Monday I buried a child born out of wedlock - I baptized the child Twins September of 1877 -

There are Many New residents here - and some of them attend Church - And Many Cubans - American citizens - have returned here since the Declaration of Peace - a few of them were in Church last Sunday - I trust it

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Affectionately Yr. Son in Xt. -

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Next Sunday I shall Celebrate the Holy Communion for the first time and the Consul Genl. of Great Britain although he lives some Miles out of the city has promised to come and receive the Holy Communion -

I have also given notice of my desire to meet the Children next Sunday afternoon -

On the first Sunday after my arrival I went into the harbor to hold a Eighth Service - for the Officers & Seamen of our Merchant Marine - and I expect to hold another Service in the same place next Sunday Night - if possible. It is sometimes very difficult to find a suitable ship for the purpose - I have had interviews with the Representatives of all the foreign Governments here - and they have promised to lend their aid - Also our Consul General

in the Matter of asking permission to build. We do not wish to act unless advised officially from Washington — and the Guild will ask in this Matter.

I have always had difficulty — from the very commencement — in getting our Government to aid this Mission. Gov. Fish discouraged our attempts at Work in 1871 — and it has been the same ever since — although we are the very beginning of our Work to the Officers of the American Navy — who gave us help and protection — and moreover procured a Chapel for us in the Harbor — through individual interest — and for the sake of the Church which they love — The Consul Genl. of the Netherlands — the Consul Genl. of Germany and the Consul Genl. of Great Britain are all willing to cooperate in every way with our Government in promoting the objects as set forth by the Guild.

I was received here very kindly by all — and at the Hospital I met with a very enthusiastic welcome